

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A method in a data processing system for establishing a customized catalog, the method comprising:
placing items in a meta-shopping cart in response to a selection of the items by a user; and
generating the customized catalog using items in the meta-shopping cart in response to a request to generate the customized catalog; and
placing the customized catalog on a Web site; and
allowing purchases from the customized catalog on the Web site by a selected buyer.
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 ~~further comprising:~~
wherein the customized catalog is comprised of selected items from different selling sites, and the step of allowing purchases from the customized catalog on the Web site by a selected buyer comprises generating individual purchase orders that are sent to corresponding selling entities associated with the selling sites.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the selected buyer is the user.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user is one of an individual, a business, and a government entity.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
processing orders to purchase items from the customized catalog.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
establishing terms for purchasing an item from the customized catalog.
7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the step of establishing terms for purchasing an item from the customized catalog comprises:

presenting a set of default terms to the user; and
negotiating a final set of terms from the set of default terms to form the terms for purchasing an item from the customized catalog.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the terms includes at least one of ~~purchase~~ purchase prices for the items, minimum quantities of items to be purchased, order cancellation policies, shipping prices, delivery times, locations allowed to purchase from the customized catalog, and payment methods.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
sending the items to the user in response to the request to generate the customized catalog.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the items are converted into an extensible markup language format.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the web site is located at a user location.

12. (Currently amended) A method in a first data processing system for generating a customized catalog, the method comprising:

presenting a plurality of items to a user located at a second data processing system;

placing an item from the plurality of items in a set in response to a selection of the item by the user; and

generating the customized catalog in response to a request indicating that that the set is complete; and

negotiating terms for purchasing items in the customized catalog.

13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 12 ~~further comprising:~~

~~negotiating terms for purchasing items in the customized catalog wherein the first data processing system comprises a plurality of sites remote to the second data processing system, and wherein the plurality of items presented to the user comprise at least one item from each of the plurality of sites, and wherein the customized catalog comprises items from different ones of the plurality of sites.~~

14. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising:
establishing a protocol for purchasing items from the customized catalog.
15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 12 further comprising:
establishing operational items including at least one service level agreement for purchasing the items pursuant to the negotiated terms.
16. (Currently amended) The method of claim 12 further comprising:
placing the customized catalog on a Web site.
17. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the placing step includes:
establishing the Web site.
18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the protocol provides for buyers to purchase items by connecting to a Web site provided by a seller of the customized catalog.
19. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein the protocol is at least one of an Ariba's punch out, Open Buying on the Internet protocol, and an Open Catalog Interface.
20. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising sending the customized catalog to a user location.
21. (Currently amended) The method of claim 20, wherein browsing and ordering from the customized catalog occurs locally at the user location.

22. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein browsing and ordering occurs when the user location is disconnected from a network.
23. (Original) A method in a first data processing system for generating a customized catalog, the method comprising:
- presenting a plurality of items to a user located at a second data processing system;
 - placing an item from the set of items in a set in response to a selection of the item by the user;
 - generating the customized catalog in response to a request indicating that that the set is complete;
 - negotiating terms for purchasing items in the customized catalog;
 - establishing a protocol for purchasing items from the customized catalog; and
 - placing the customized catalog on a Web site.
24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 23 further comprising:
- establishing operational items including at least one service level agreement for purchasing the items pursuant to the negotiated terms.
25. (Currently amended) A data processing system for establishing a customized catalog, the data processing system comprising:
- first, placing means for placing items in a meta-shopping cart in response to a selection of the items by the user; ~~and~~
 - generating means for generating the customized catalog using items in the meta-shopping cart in response to a request to generate the customized catalog; ~~and~~
 - second, placing means for placing the customized catalog on a Web site; and
 - allowing means for allowing purchases from the customized catalog on the Web site by a selected buyer.

26. (Currently amended) The data processing system of claim 25 ~~further comprising:~~
wherein the customized catalog is comprised of selected items from different
selling sites, and the allowing means for allowing purchases from the customized catalog
on the Web site by a selected buyer comprises means for generating individual purchase
orders that are sent to corresponding selling entities associated with the selling sites.

27. (Original) The data processing system of claim 26, wherein the selected buyer is the user.

28. (Original) The data processing system of claim 25, wherein the user is one of an individual, a business, and a government entity.

29. (Original) The data processing system of claim 25 further comprising:
processing means for processing orders to purchase items from the customized catalog.

30. (Currently amended) The data processing system of claim 25 further comprising:
establishing means for establishing terms for purchasing an item from the
customized catalog.

31. (Currently amended) The data processing system of claim 30, wherein the
establishing means comprises:
presenting means for presenting a set of default terms to the user; and
negotiating means for negotiating a final set of terms from the set of default terms
to form the terms for purchasing an item ~~from~~ from the customized catalog.

32. (Currently amended) The data processing system of claim 30, wherein the terms
includes at least one of ~~purchases~~ purchase prices for the items, minimum quantities of
items to be purchased, order cancellation policies, shipping prices, delivery times,
locations allowed to purchase from the customized catalog, and payment methods.

33. (Original) The data processing system of claim 25, further comprising:
sending means for sending the items to the user in response to the request to generate the customized catalog.
34. (Original) The data processing system of claim 33, wherein the items are converted into an extensible markup language format.
35. (Original) The data processing system of claim 25, wherein the web site is located at a user location.
36. (Currently amended) A data processing system in a first data processing system for generating a customized catalog, the data processing system comprising:
presenting means for presenting a plurality of items to a user located at a second data processing system;
placing means for placing an item from the plurality of items in a set in response to a selection of the item by the user; ~~and~~
generating means for generating the customized catalog in response to a request indicating that that the set is complete; ~~and~~
negotiating means for negotiating terms for purchasing items in the customized catalog.
37. (Currently amended) The data processing system of claim 36 ~~further comprising:~~
~~negotiating means for negotiating terms for purchasing items in the customized catalog wherein the first data processing system comprises a plurality of sites remote to the second data processing system, and wherein the plurality of items presented to the user comprise at least one item from each of the plurality of sites, and wherein the customized catalog comprises items from different ones of the plurality of sites.~~
38. (Original) The data processing system of claim 36 further comprising:
establishing means for establishing a protocol for purchasing items from the customized catalog.

39. (Currently amended) The data processing system of claim 36 further comprising:
establishing means for establishing operational items including at least one service level agreement for purchasing the items pursuant to the negotiated terms.
40. (Currently amended) The data processing system of claim 36 further comprising:
placing means for placing the customized catalog on a Web site.
41. (Currently amended) The data processing system of claim 40, wherein the placing means includes:
establishing means for establishing the Web site.
42. (Currently amended) The data processing system of claim 38, wherein the protocol provides for buyers to purchase items by connecting to a Web site provided by a seller of the customized catalog.
43. (Original) The data processing system of claim 38, wherein the protocol is at least one of an Ariba's punch out, Open Buying on the Internet protocol, and a SAP punchout process.
44. (Original) The data processing system of claim 36, further comprising sending the customized catalog to a user location.
45. (Currently amended) The data processing system of claim 44, wherein browsing and ordering from the customized catalog occurs locally at the user location.
46. (Original) The data processing system of claim 44, wherein browsing and ordering occurs when the user location is disconnected from a network.
47. (Original) A data processing system in a first data processing system for generating an customized catalog, the data processing system comprising:

presenting means for presenting a plurality of items to a user located at a second data processing system;

placing means for placing an item from the set of items in a set in response to a selection of the item by the user;

generating means for generating the customized catalog in response to a request indicating that the set is complete;

negotiating means for negotiating terms for purchasing items in the customized catalog;

establishing means for establishing a protocol for purchasing items from the customized catalog; and

placing means for placing the customized catalog on a Web site.

48. (Currently amended) The method of claim 47, wherein the establishing means is a first establishing means and further comprising:

second establishing means for establishing operational items including at least one service level agreement for purchasing the items pursuant to the negotiated terms.

49. (Currently amended) A data processing system comprising:

a bus system;

a communications unit connected to the bus, wherein data is sent and received using the communications unit;

a memory connected to the bus system, wherein a set of instructions are located in the memory; and

a processor unit connected to the bus system, wherein the processor unit executes the set of instructions to place items in a meta-shopping cart in response to a selection of the items by a user, generate the customized catalog using items in the meta-shopping cart in response to a request to generate the customized catalog, and place the customized catalog on a Web site for access by a selected buyer when making subsequent purchases using the customized catalog on the Web site.

50. (Original) The data processing system of claim 49, wherein the bus system includes a primary bus and a secondary bus.
51. (Original) The data processing system of claim 49, wherein the processor unit includes a single processor.
52. (Original) The data processing system of claim 49, wherein the processor unit includes a plurality of processors.
53. (Original) The data processing system of claim 49, wherein the communications unit is an Ethernet adapter.
54. (Original) The data processing system of claim 49 wherein the processor unit further executes the set of instructions to establish terms for purchasing an item from the customized catalog.
55. (Original) The data processing system of claim 54, wherein the processor unit further executes the set of instructions to present a set of default terms to the user, and negotiate a final set of terms from the set of default terms to form the terms for purchasing an item from the customized catalog.
56. (Currently amended) The data processing system of claim 54, wherein the terms includes at least one of ~~purchases~~ purchase prices for the items, minimum quantities of items to be purchased, order cancellation policies, shipping prices, delivery times, locations allowed to purchase from the customized catalog, and payment methods.
57. (Original) The data processing system of claim 49, wherein the processor unit further executes the set of instructions to send the items to the user in response to the request to generate the customized catalog.

58. (Original) The data processing system of claim 57, wherein the items are converted into an extensible markup language format.

59. (Original) The data processing system of claim 49, wherein the web site is located at a user location.

60. (Currently amended) A data processing system comprising:
a bus system;
a communications unit connected to the bus, wherein data is sent and received using the communications unit;
a memory connected to the bus system, wherein a set of instructions are located in the memory; and
a processor unit connected to the bus system, wherein the processor unit executes the set of instructions to present a plurality of items to a user located at a second data processing system, place an item from the plurality of items in a set in response to a selection of the item by the user, and generate the customized catalog in response to a request indicating that that the set is complete, and negotiate terms for purchasing items in the customized catalog.

61. (Currently amended) The data processing system of claim 60, wherein ~~the processor unit further executes the set of instructions to negotiate terms for purchasing items in the customized catalog~~ wherein the data processing system comprises a plurality of sites remote to the second data processing system, and wherein the plurality of items presented to the user comprise at least one item from each of the plurality of sites, and wherein the customized catalog comprises items from different ones of the plurality of sites.

62. (Original) The data processing system of claim 60, wherein the processor unit further executes instructions to establish a protocol for purchasing items from the customized catalog.

63. (Currently amended) The data processing system of claim 60, wherein the processor unit further executes the set of instructions to establish operational items including at least one service level agreement for purchasing the items pursuant to the negotiated terms.
64. (Currently amended) The data processing system of claim 60, wherein the processor unit further executes instructions to place the customized catalog on a Web site.
65. (Original) The data processing system of claim 64, wherein the processor unit further executes instructions to establish the Web site.
66. (Currently amended) The data processing system of claim 62, wherein the protocol provides for buyers to purchase items by connecting to a Web site provided by a seller of the customized catalog.
67. (Original) The data processing system of claim 62, wherein the protocol is at least one of an Ariba's punch out, Open Buying on the Internet protocol, and a SAP punchout process.
68. (Original) The data processing system of claim 60, wherein the processor unit further executes the set of instructions to send the customized catalog to a user location.
69. (Currently amended) The data processing system of claim 68, wherein browsing and ordering from the customized catalog occurs locally at the user location.
70. (Original) The data processing system of claim 68, wherein browsing and ordering occurs when the user location is disconnected from a network.
71. (Original) A data processing system comprising:
a bus system;

a communications unit connected to the bus, wherein data is sent and received using the communications unit;

a memory connected to the bus system, wherein a set of instructions are located in the memory; and

a processor unit connected to the bus system, wherein the processor unit executes the set of instructions to present a plurality of items to a user located at a second data processing system, place an item from the set of items in a set in response to a selection of the item by the user, generate the customized catalog in response to a request indicating that the set is complete, negotiate terms for purchasing items in the customized catalog, establish a protocol for purchasing items from the customized catalog, and place the customized catalog on a Web site.

72. (Currently amended) The data processing system of claim 71, wherein the processor unit further executes the set of instructions to establish operational items including at least one service level agreement for purchasing the items pursuant to the negotiated terms.

73. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ An article of manufacture comprising a computer program product in a computer readable medium for establishing a customized catalog, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for placing items in a meta-shopping cart in response to a selection of the items by a user;

second instructions for generating the customized catalog using items in the meta-shopping cart in response to a request to generate the customized catalog; and

third instructions for placing the customized catalog on a Web site.

74. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 73 further comprising:

fourth instructions for allowing purchases from the customized catalog on the Web site by a selected buyer.

75. (Original) The computer program product of claim 74, wherein the selected buyer is the user.
76. (Original) The computer program product of claim 73, wherein the user is one of an individual, a business, and a government entity.
77. (Original) The computer program product of claim 73 further comprising:
fourth instructions for processing orders to purchase items from the customized catalog.
78. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 73 further comprising:
fourth instructions for establishing terms for purchasing an item from the customized catalog.
79. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 78, wherein the fourth instruction comprises:
first sub-instructions for presenting a set of default terms to the user; and
second sub-instructions for negotiating a final set of terms from the set of default terms to form the terms for purchasing an item ~~form~~ from the customized catalog.
80. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 78, wherein the terms includes at least one of ~~purchases~~ purchase prices for the items, minimum quantities of items to be purchased, order cancellation policies, shipping prices, delivery times, locations allowed to purchase from the customized catalog, and payment methods.
81. (Original) The computer program product of claim 73, further comprising:
fourth instructions for sending the items to the user in response to the request to generate the customized catalog.

82. (Original) The computer program product of claim 81, wherein the items are converted into an extensible markup language format.

83. (Original) The computer program product of claim 73, wherein the web site is located at a user location.

84. (Currently amended) A An article of manufacture comprising a computer program product in a computer readable medium in a first data processing system for generating a customized catalog, the computer program product comprising:
first instructions for presenting a plurality of items to a user located at a second data processing system;
second instructions for placing an item from the plurality of items in a set in response to a selection of the item by the user; and
third instructions for generating the customized catalog in response to a request indicating that that the set is complete.

85. (Original) The computer program product of claim 84 further comprising:
fourth instructions for negotiating terms for purchasing items in the customized catalog.

86. (Original) The computer program product of claim 84 further comprising:
fourth instructions for establishing a protocol for purchasing items from the customized catalog.

87. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 84 85 further comprising:
fourth instructions for establishing operational items including at least one service level agreement for purchasing the items pursuant to the negotiated terms.

88. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 84 further comprising:

fourth instructions for placing the customized catalog on a Web site.

89. (Original) The computer program product of claim 88, wherein the fourth instruction includes:

instructions for establishing the Web site.

90. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 86, wherein the protocol provides for buyers to purchase items by connecting to a Web site provided by a seller of the customized catalog.

91. (Original) The computer program product of claim 86, wherein the protocol is at least one of an Ariba's punch out, Open Buying on the Internet protocol, and a SAP punchout process.

92. (Original) The computer program product of claim 84, further comprising:
fourth instructions for sending the customized catalog to a user location.

93. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 92, wherein browsing and ordering from the customized catalog occurs locally at the user location.

94. (Original) The computer program product of claim 92, wherein browsing and ordering occurs when the user location is disconnected from the network.

95. (Currently amended) A An article of manufacture comprising a computer program product in a computer readable medium in a first data processing system for generating a customized catalog, the computer program product comprising:
first instructions for presenting a plurality of items to a user located at a second data processing system;

second instructions for placing an item from the set of items in a set in response to a selection of the item by the user;

third instructions for generating the customized catalog in response to a request indicating that that the set is complete;

fourth instructions for negotiating terms for purchasing items in the customized catalog;

fifth instructions for establishing a protocol for purchasing items from the customized catalog; and

sixth instructions for placing the customized catalog on a Web site.

96. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 95 further comprising:

sixth instructions for establishing operational items including at least one service level agreement for purchasing the items pursuant to the negotiated terms.